

BOOK NOTICES

ELIZABETH L. HORN. 1994. **Coastal Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest.** (ISBN 0-87842-291-9, pbk.). Mountain Press Publishing Company, P.O. Box 2399, Missoula, MT 59806, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.mountain-press.com, info@mtnpres.com, 406-728-1900, 406-728-1635 fax, 1-800-234-5308). \$14.00, 179 pp., color photos, 1 map, 5½" × 8½".

This handy volume includes 164 species of the most common herbs and shrubs (no grasses, sedges, etc.) along the coast from Mendocino, California, to the northern tip of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, illustrated by 200 photos. The photos are grouped by family within each of five designated habitats—beaches and dunes; wetlands; cliffs and grasslands; brushlands; coastal forests. The text includes notes on ethnobotanical uses and personal observations on natural history. It's a nicely done, low-priced guide, the fourth printing (2002) of this 1993 volume, obviously continuing to be useful for students and visitors to the Pacific coast.—Guy Nesom, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.

RONALD J. TAYLOR AND GEORGE W. DOUGLAS. 1995. **Mountain Plants of the Pacific Northwest.** (ISBN 0-87842-314-1, pbk.). Mountain Press Publishing Company, PO Box 2399, Missoula, MT 59806, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.mountain-press.com, info@mtnpres.com, 406-728-1900, 406-728-1635 fax, 1-800-234-5308). \$25.00, color photos, b/w line drawings, 6" × 9".

A field guide to Washington, western British Columbia, and southeastern Alaska, covering more than 450 species of "wildflowers, ferns, trees, and grasses." Subsequently published field guides for roughly the same region have covered many more species (Plants of Western Oregon, Washington & British Columbia -Kozloff 2005, 2500 species; Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest -Turner & Gustafson 2006, 1200 species; see reviews in Sida 22(1); Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast, Pojar & MacKinnon 2005, 794 species), but the coverage of the Taylor & Douglas book is excellent and representative, and the large, beautiful, and informative photos of Ron Taylor are worth having on any account.—Guy Nesom, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION. 2005. **Experience the California Coast: A Guide to Beaches and Parks in Northern California.** (ISBN 0-520-24540-7, pbk.). University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94704-1012, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.ucpress.edu, 1-800-777-4726, 1-800-999-1958 fax). \$24.95, 320 pp., 315 color illustrations, 9 b/w photos, 1 line illustration, 47 maps, 6" × 9".

Excellent maps and photos for natural areas in Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin counties. With this detailed guide and one of the excellent, recently published field guides to flowering plants, botanists studying northwestern California plants are set to go.—Guy Nesom, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.

KRISTIN HUISINGA, LORI MAKARICK, KATE WATTERS. 2006. **River and Desert Plants of the Grand Canyon.** (ISBN 0-87842-523-3, pbk.). Mountain Press Publishing Company, P.O. Box 2399, Missoula, MT 59806, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.mountain-press.com, info@mtnpres.com, 1-800-234-5308, 406-728-1900, 406-728-1635 fax). \$22.00, 276 pp., 263 color photos, 80 line drawings, 5 color figures and maps, 6" × 9".

More than 300 low elevation species are illustrated by 310 excellent color photos and 92 line drawings. The species are arranged by family and genus within each of four categories: Ferns & fern allies, Grasses & grass-like plants, Trees, and Shrubs & forbs. Comments on natural history accompany each illustration. A brief introduction to Grand Canyon Ecology is up front, and a novel thumbnail ID guide is helpful: each of 5 pages shows 25 species, arranged by flower color. This is a great book, probably to become a huge seller, because it will be useful and accessible to students, naturalists at all levels, and even tangential tourists.

Asteraceae taxonomy is difficult: "*Cirsium mexicanum*" on p. 198 is *Carduus nutans*; "*Pseudognaphalium stramineum*" on p. 217 is *Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum*.—Guy Nesom, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.